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1. REF A HAS BEEN FORMALLY CONVEYED TO SPANISH CO CHAIRMAN OF JOINT COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION SCIATT ALSO MET FEB 3 WITH JUAN TEMBOURY DIRECTOR CENTER FOR ENERGY STUDIES, AND ELICITED HIS AGREEMENT THAT SOLAR ENERGY COOPERATION SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN THE CONTEXT OF AN OVERALL FRAME WORK PREPARED JOINTLY BY ERDA AND ITS SPANISH COUNTERPARTS.

2. THE ESTABLISHMENT HERE OF THE CENTER FOR ENERGY STUDIES AND THE LOCATION WITHIN IT OF THE SOLAR ENERGY CENTER ARE TREATED IN THE SPANISH PAPER MENTIONED IN REF A. THE CENTER HAS INDEED ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED . THIS OCCURED IN OCTOBER. THIS IS, OF COURSE NOT PRECISELY THE CENTER ENVISAGED BY THE NEGOTIATORS OF THE TREATY, BUT IT IS NEVERTHELESS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT WHICH CAN BE SUPPORTIVE ON A PROGRAM OF CLOSE COOPERATION.

3. ENRIQUE KAIBEL, WHOSE PRINCIPAL POSITION IS DIRECTOR GENERAL UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY (DIRECTOR GENERAL DE PROMOCION INDUSTRIAL Y TECNOLOGIA) IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (MINISTERIO DE INDUSTRIA) IS ALSO VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTER FOR ENERGY STUDIES AND IS ACTING AS DIRECTOR OF THE SOLAR ENERGY CENTER. LUIS MAGANA, AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ENERGY (DIRECTOR GENERAL DE ENERGIA) IN THE SAME MINISTRY IS THE SENIOR RESPONSIBLE OFFICER FOR ALL ENERGY AFFAIRS, INCLUDING

NUCLEAR. (REORGANIZATION OF LINES OF AUTHORITY WITHIN THE MINISTRY OVER THE LAST YEAR HAS ALSO GIVEN HIM ADDITIONAL CONTROL OVER THE NUCLEAR ENERGY BOARD (JUNTA DE ENERGIA NUCLEAR JEN) WHICH IS PATTERNED ON THE FORMER US AEC)

4. QUESTION IN LAST SENTENCE OF REF B, PAR 3 ON THE ROLE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR S&T RESEARCH HAS ALREADY BEEN ANSWERED BY REF C. CURRENT MEMBERSHIP LIST HAS BEEN REQUESTED CHAIRMAN IF FEDERICO MAYOR, FORMER UNDERSECRETARY OF EDUCATION & SCIENCE. NOTE THAT THIS SAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE ALSO SERVES THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE TWO JOINT COMMITTEES IS APPARENTLY UNDER REVIEW. ANY CHANGES WHICH AFFECT ITS ROLE WILL BE REPORTED AS SOON AS THEY ARE KNOWN WITH CERTAINTY.

5. THE TRAVEL PLANS OF JUAN TEMBOURY AND OTHER ARE REPORTED REF C.

6. THE IEA SMALL SCALE SOLAR PROJECT MENTIONED IN REF B PAR 5 WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A MEETING IN PARIS ON 16 FEB OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SPAIN, GERMANY AND THE US. TEMBOURY HAD JUST HEARD FROM HIS GERMAN COUNTERPART THAT NO OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE SIGNALLED THEIR INTENTION TO ATTEND, WHICH COULD MEAN A TRINATIONAL VENTURE, MAKING SPAIN'S SHARE OF COST MUCH LARGER TEMBOURY SAID THAT STATEMENT TO ERDA BY INTA'S SANCHEZ TARIFA ON SPANISH FUNDING COMMITMENT WAS SANCHEZ TARIFA'S PERSONAL VIEW AND CERTAINLY TOO OPTIMISTIC AT THE TIME SANCHEZ TARIFA MADE IT. ACCORDING TO TEMBOURY, SPAIN WILL OFFER TO SITE THE PROJECT NEAR ALMERIA, BUT MUCH REMAINS TO BE NEGOTIATED UNCLASSIFIED

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BEFORE GOS CAN MAKE A FORMAL COMMITMENT. HE TOLD SCIATT THAT THERE ARE PLANS FOR OTHER PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES AT THIS SITE AND WOULD LET EMBASSY KNOW AS SOON AS GOS DECISIONS WERE MADE HE MAY BE FREE TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION BY THE TIME OF HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON FEB 24

7. SANCHEZ TARIFA'S INTEREST IN A WIND ENERGY PROJECT (REF B, PAR 6) IS WELL KNOWN TO TEMBOURY, WHO MAINTAINS THAT THE LEVEL OF FUNDING SANCHEZ TARIFA WAS TALKING ABOUT IN WASHINGTON IS STRICTLY THE LATTER IDEA. TEMBOURY CONSIDERS IT FAR TOO HIGH BUT BELIEVES THIS WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF IN THE PROCESS OF ASSEMBLING A PROGRAM PACKAGE.

8. ERDA ESTIMATES OF A FIRST YEAR FUNDING OF SOLAR ENERGY COOPERATION (REF B, PAR 7) MAY PROVE LARGER THAN SPANISH WILL DESIRE ONCE COMPETING CLAIMS FOR TREATY S&T FUNDS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED. TEMBOURY SEEMS INCLINED AT THIS POINT TO THINK SO, UNTIL THE FULL RANGE OF PROPOSALS IS KNOWN. THE EMBASSY IS FULLY PREPARED TO MAKE A STRONG CASE TO THE SPANISH FOR DEVOTING SUFFICIENT TREATY FUNDS TO SOLAR ENERGY TO ENSURE

A SATISFACTORY LEVEL OF ACTIVITY. TO THIS END, WE WOULD
APPRECIATE RECEIVING FURTHER GUIDANCE WHICH WE MIGHT USE IN
DISCUSSION WITH GOS. DEPARTMENT AND ERDA MAY ALSO WISH TO
DISCUSS THIS WITH TEMBOURY DURING HIS COMING VISIT TO
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